



## LOWER YOUR WINTER HEATING BILLS

*Winter natural gas bills can be expensive, as Hoosiers try to keep their homes and businesses warm, the Indiana Office of Consumer Counselor offers the following tips to reduce energy usage.*

**Start with your thermostat.** Set the thermostat at the lowest comfortable temperature and dress in warm, layered clothing. When leaving your home for a few hours or going to bed at night, lower the thermostat a few degrees. A programmable thermostat can do this automatically.

**Maintain your furnace and heating system properly.** Older furnaces and those that are poorly maintained may run less efficiently, waste energy and cost more money. A poorly maintained system can be a safety hazard.

**Draperies and ceiling fans can help your heating system.** Keep blinds, shades, and draperies open during the day to allow sunlight to warm your home or business (but close them at night for insulation purposes). Ceiling fans that are set to run clockwise will draw air up and keep warm air circulating.

**Proper insulation is critical to maintaining an energy efficient home.** Make sure the attic, all exterior walls, and floors are properly insulated, along with basements or crawl spaces (if applicable).

**Do NOT use a gas stove as a heating source. More than being inefficient, it is extremely dangerous.**

### HOME HEATING ENERGY ASSISTANCE

The Energy Assistance Program helps low-income households to maintain utility service during the winter heating season. Interested? Applications open October 1, 2021, apply by contacting your counties local agencies or by visiting the state's website at [www.in.gov/ihcda](http://www.in.gov/ihcda).

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### ENERGY EFFICIENCY REBATE PROGRAM

Are you planning on upgrading your current furnace? Remember that the Gas Co. offers a rebate of up to \$200.00 for your new 94% efficient or higher natural gas furnace that is your primary heating source for your residence. Don't forget to install a new programmable thermostat and possibly be eligible for an additional \$25.00.

Contact the office during our business hours to get more information or visit [ftgas.net](http://ftgas.net) to download an application.